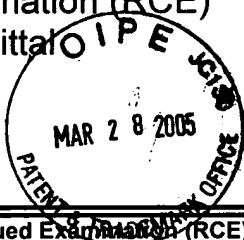


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Art Unit	1615
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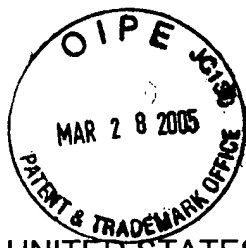
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AND METHOD OF MAKING)

Examiner: L. Channavajjala
Art Unit: 1615

New York, New York
March 24, 2005

SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114:
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2004. This Response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and satisfies the requirement to file a "submission" under 37 CFR §§ 1.114(a) & (c). A Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time were filed on August 20, 2004 and date-stamped as received by the PTO on August 24, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (five months) is filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, the RCE is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before March 24, 2005. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Fees are due in the amounts of: (1) \$790.00 to cover the fee for the RCE, and (2) \$2,160.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Checks in the foregoing amounts are